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SUBJECT: PHONE SURVEY ON JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: MAY 23 PHONE SURVEY BY POLLISTERS OF CONSERVATIVE DAILY "SANKEI" ON JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERY TALKS FOUND BAR MAJORITY (54 PERCENT) FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY WAY JAPANESE SIDE HANDLED NEGOTIATIONS, BUT 42 PERCENT NOT FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. THREE OUT OF FIVE THOUGHT DEGREE TO WHICH JAPAN MADE CONCESSIONS WAS INEVITABLE. BIG MAJORITY (82 PERCENT) WAS QUITE CRITICAL OF SOVIET ATTITUDE IN TALKS; AND 63 PERCENT SAID THEY DISLIKE USSR. YET 84 PERCENT SAID JAPAN MUST BE FRIENDLY TOWARD SOVIET UNION. SAME SURVEY ALSO FOUND 40 PERCENT SUPPORT FUKUDA CABINET WHILE 38 PERCENT DO NOT.

2. MAY 24 DAILY "SANKEI SHIMBUN" REPORTED RESULTS OF ITS 5/23 PHONE SURVEY AMONG SAMPLE OF 1200 ADULTS IN 50-KILOMETER RADIUS OF TOKYO AND OSAKA CITY CENTERS. 800 INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED. DETAILS OF QUESTIONS AND FINDINGS:

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Q.1 DO YOU SUPPORT FUKUDA CABINET OR NOT SUPPORT IT?

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| SUPPORT     | 40 |
| NOT SUPPORT | 38 |
| DON'T KNOW  | 22 |

Q.2 JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS FINALLY REACHED AGREEMENT;

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HOW JAPANESE SIDE HANDLED NEGOTIATIONS?

|  |    |
|--|----|
| DID WELL, NEGOTIATING TENACIOUSLY                  | 13 |
| DID RATHER WELL, CONSIDERING SOVIET COUNTERPART    | 41 |
| DIDN'T DO TOO WELL, BEING CONSTANTLY OUTMANEUVERED | 25 |
| DIDN'T DO WELL, BEING STOPPED COLD BY SOVIETS      | 17 |
| DON'T KNOW   | 4  |

Q.3 WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WAY SOVIETS ACTED?

|  |    |
|--|----|
| WAS DISAGREEABLE HOW THEY SHOWED UNDERLYING MOTIVE OF<br>HAVING TERRITORIAL ISSUE TREATED AS ALREADY SETTLED | 14 |
| WERE EGOISTIC IN REPEATEDLY RAISING MATTERS<br>ALREADY DECIDED UPON  | 68 |
| DID WELLFOR SOVIET UNION IN THEIR OWN WAY  | 5  |
| CAN'T CRITICIZE USSR SINCE JAPAN'S APPROACH WAS POOR   | 9  |
| DON'T KNOW   | 4  |

Q.4 HOW DO YOU RATE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHERY  
AGREEMENT?

|  |    |
|--|----|
| JAPAN CONCEDED TOO MUCH TO USSR          | 26 |
| THAT DEGREE OF CONCESSION WAS INEVITABLE | 59 |
| DON'T KNOW                               | 15 |

Q.5 IN ORDER TO RESOLVE NORTHERN TERRITORIAL PROBLEM, JAPAN  
IS REFRAINING FROM NEGOTIATING PEACE TREATY WITH SOVIET UNION.  
HOW DO YOU THINK JAPAN SHOULD HANDLE RETURN OF FOUR ISLAND  
GROUPS INCLUDING SHIKOTAN AND HABOMAI?  
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|  |    |
|--|----|
| HAVE ALL FOUR ISLANDS RETURNED TOGETHER                              | 32 |
| IF RETURN OF ALL TOGETHER IS FUTILE, HAVE THEM<br>RETURNED IN STAGES | 61 |
| IT'S TOO LATE NOW TO GET THEM BACK                                   | 3  |
| DON'T KNOW   | 4  |

Q.6 WHAT IS NECESSARY FIRST OF ALL IN CARRYING ON DIPLOMACY  
WITH USSR?

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| COHERENT DIPLOMATIC STANCE         | 14 |
| NOT RELAXING OUR SENSE OF CAUTION  | 25 |
| UNIFYING DOMESTIC OPINION          | 19 |
| TENACITY                           | 30 |
| BOLSTERING INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION | 4  |
| OTHER; ON'T KNOW                   | 8  |

Q.7 DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE THE SOVIET UNION AS A NATION?

|                          |    |    |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| LIKE                     | 3  |    |
| DISLIKE                  | 63 |    |
| NEITHER LIKE NOR DISLIKE |    | 33 |
| DON'T KNOW               | 1  |    |

Q.8 DO YOU THINK IT IS NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO BE FRIENDLY WITH  
SOVIET UNION OR NOT?

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| NECESSARY TO BE FRIENDLY | 84 |
| NO NEED TO BE FRIENDLY   | 11 |
| DON'T KNOW               | 5  |

Q.9 DO YOU THINK THT WITH THE JAPAN-SOJET FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS  
JAPANESE DEFENSE CONSCIOUSNESS WILL CHANGE SOMEHOW?

|   |    |
|---|----|
| WILL BE DEMANDS FOR STRENGTHENING DEFENSE POWER | 31 |
| PACIFISM WILL GROW STRONGER THAN IT IS NOW      | 19 |
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| WILL BE NO CHANGES | 38 |
| DON'T KNOW         | 12 |
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